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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: EA/VLC STATUS REPORT NO. 10, JULY 6, 1978

1. VIETNAMESE DELEGATION VISITS HAWAII LABORATORY (CONF).

WE HAVE BEEN LARGELY PREOCCUPIED WITH MAKING ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE VISIT OF A VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO DOD'S CENTRAL  
IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY IN HAWAII FOR TECHNICAL DIS-  
CUSSIONS ON MIA'S. THE VISIT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE  
BETWEEN JULY 11-14, SO LONG AS CROWDED AIRLINE SCHEDULES DO  
NOT DELAY ARRIVALS.

2. CAMBODIA: U.S. SUBMISSION TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS BODY (LOU)

WE WILL BE SENDING GENEVA OUR SUBMISSION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
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COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMISSION ON JULY 7. THE MATERIAL IN-  
CLUDES A SERIES OF JUNE INTERVIEWS WITH CAMBODIAN RE-  
FUGEES IN THAILAND COLLECTED BY OUR EMBASSY TOGETHER WITH  
PORTIONS OF AIRGRAM AND CABLE REPORTS FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK  
COVERING THE PERIOD 1975-1977, DECLASSIFIED FOR THIS PURPOSE.  
EXCEPT WHERE WE HAD BEEN GIVEN SPECIFIC PERMISSION TO USE  
NAMES, WE HAVE DELETED THE NAMES OF REFUGEES TO PROTECT

THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS STILL IN CAMBODIA. THE AMERICAN DOCUMENTATION ALSO INCLUDES STATEMENTS BY OFFICIALS OF THE

CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THE CAMBODIA SITUATION AND THE RECORD OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON CAMBODIA. WE WILL ALSO INCLUDE COPIES OF THE PONCHAUD AND BARON/PAUL BOOKS TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE FOR THE SUBCOMMISSION'S STUDY.

FRANK SIEVERTS MET LAST WEEK WITH PONCHAUD, WHO MAY ATTEND THE SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS AS AN OBSERVER/CONTRIBUTOR. THE U.K. AND SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ALSO PLAN TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS ON CAMBODIA FOR THE SUBCOMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION WHICH MEETS IN GENEVA IN AUGUST.

### 3. LAOS: THE FRENCH FRACAS (CONF).

FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUZER AND SOME 80 FRENCH "OFFICIALS" (INCLUDING TEACHERS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXPERTS) LEFT VIENTIANE JULY 3 AFTER A SPIRALLING SERIES OF LAO ACTIONS AND FRENCH REACTIONS WHICH CULMINATED WITH THE LAO ORDER THAT FRENCH OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN LAOS BE CUT TO 6-- ONE DIPLOMAT AND 5 SUPPORT STAFF. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT THE LAO AUTHORITIES ARE DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF FRENCH "COLONIALST" INFLUENCE AND WANTED TO REDUCE THE SIZE AND ACTIVITY OF THE FRENCH MISSION IN LAOS. MANY CONFIDENTIAL

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OBSERVERS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE WAY THE ACTIONS AGAINST THE FRENCH EMBASSY WERE CARRIED OUT -- AND THE WAY PARIS REACTED -- CAUSED AN UNWANTED AND UNNECESSARY DETERIORATION IN FRENCH-LAO RELATIONS. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE SRV -- ITSELF SCRAMBLING FOR MORE WESTERN CONTACTS AND WESTERN AID -- WOULD HAVE COUNSELLED THE LAO TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST THE FRENCH MISSION.

### 4. INDOCHINA'S DIPLOMATS TRAVELING (CONF).

VIETNAMESE FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERSONNEL AS WELL AS CAMBODIA'S IENG SARY HAVE HIT THE DIPLOMATIC TRAIL WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT VISITS TAKING PLACE OR IN THE CARDS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IENG SARY IS HEADING FOR BANGKOK FOR A MEETING WITH KRIANGSAK (JULY 14-17) AND PHAM VAN DONG. THE VIETNAMESE PREMIER IS ALSO APPARENTLY SEEKING A MEETING THERE. FOLLOWING IENG SARY'S VISIT TO TOKYO, VIETNAM'S VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN STOPPED THERE ENROUTE OTHER ASIAN CAPITALS.

NGUYEN CO THACH IS HEADING FOR A JULY 16-19 MEETING IN BONN WITH FRG OFFICIALS. ANOTHER VICE FOREIGN MINISTER,

LE THANH NGHI HAS JUST COMPLETED A VISIT TO EASTERN  
EUROPE WHERE HE ENGINEERED VIETNAM'S JOINING COMECON.  
THE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE SEEMS CLEARLY RELATED TO RECENT

PROBLEMS IN THE REGION. THE VIETNAMESE ARE ACTIVELY KEEP-  
ING ALL POSSIBLE LINES OUT FOR AID AND ASSISTANCE, PAR-  
TICULARLY SINCE THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE PRC HAVE CONTINUED  
TO WORSEN. VANCE

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